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President Poroshenko signs decommunization laws

U.S. House overrides Obama veto, passes bill with lethal aid for Ukraine

President Petro Poroshenko has signed into law legislation banning Soviet symbols and communist-era propaganda in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/P3bKIf> ; BBC (Video) <http://goo.gl/PIvVqI>

Victims of Soviet political repression honoured at Kyiv ceremony. (Video) <http://goo.gl/WFs0BH>

Ukraine celebrates Europe Day. Kremlin's actions have sparked efforts by Ukrainians to move further towards EU integration. (Video) <http://goo.gl/tnXKW1>

KYIV -- Crimean Tatars in Ukraine are marking the 71st anniversary of a mass deportation ordered by Soviet leader Josef Stalin which displaced around 200,000 people and cost many thousands of lives. (Video) <http://goo.gl/gxZYn0>

A large pro-Ukrainian festival was held just 800

meters from Russian-backed militant positions near the city of Luhansk. <http://goo.gl/XfUUWM>

U.S. House overrode Obama's veto and passed a defense policy bill with lethal aid for Ukraine. The bill calls, among other things, for arming Ukrainian forces fighting Russian-backed separatists, a move the Obama administration has so far resisted. Overall, the House bill authorizes \$515 billion for national defense and another \$89.2 billion for the emergency war-fighting fund for a total of \$604.2 billion. <http://goo.gl/9VmnLN>

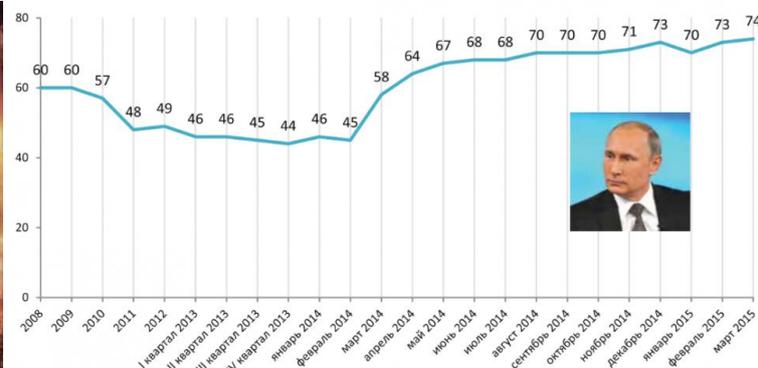
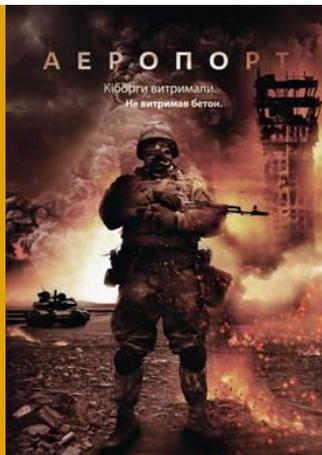
Sanctions Loosen As Assets Of Yanukovich Allies Elude Ukraine's Grasp. <http://goo.gl/ckrgsi>

Nemtsov legacy: Russia behind war in Ukraine (INFOGRAPHIC). <http://goo.gl/WXVy3j> ; Nemtsov report offers darkest portrait yet of Russia's war against Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/iHSWtG>

Left: Documentary 'Airport: Cyborgs withstood, the concrete did not'. The soldiers are real and some of them are no longer with us. Collectively they have become legends and the inspiration underlying the battle spirit of Ukraine's collective armed forces today. (Video, Ukr)

<https://goo.gl/tWmNEq>

Right: Putin's approval polls before and after the start of Russia's war against Ukraine in February 2014. <http://goo.gl/211DiF>



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204 населенных пункта 64 субъекта РФ, 3000 респондентов

V. Landsbergis: "Ukrainians are now undergoing a long endurance test"

Olivier Dupuis: "If the situation in Ukraine were not a tragedy, it would be a blessing for the European Union" <http://goo.gl/cZUSIJ>

"The main front line we have now is between our ears." O.Savruk, Dean, kmbs (Kyiv Mohyla Business School). (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/pLNd30>

John Herbst: Frankly, the very top of your elites are corrupt. You have a history of civic activism. And you can force your not very reform-minded top leadership in the right direction – because you have a rising

generation of young leaders who seem to understand things in the correct way and who are prepared to be active. <http://goo.gl/BaMjFP>

Vytautas Landsbergis: "Ukrainians are now undergoing a long endurance test". <http://goo.gl/DtAoiP>

A personal reflection on a nation's dream of independence and the nightmare Vladimir Putin has visited upon it. Chrystia Freeland. <http://goo.gl/EoFwRs>

Germany's hybrid agreement with Russia. <http://goo.gl/uvTcuq>

Ukraine faces the most serious increase in fighting in three months

May 17. During the previous 24 hours in eastern Ukraine, Ukraine's military said that three of its soldiers were killed and 17 wounded by Russian irregulars attacks that violate the Minsk ceasefire agreement. <http://goo.gl/F7XswU>

May 17. The “hottest” spot in the last 24 hours is Horlivka (Interactive map, Rus) <http://goo.gl/asgO5c>

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The Ukrainian military claims to have captured two Russian soldiers fighting alongside pro-Russian rebels in eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/SZBgHy> ; (Video) <https://goo.gl/YYWF17>

The SMM continues to monitor the implementation of the “Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements”. Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security

considerations.* The SMM observed continued violations of the ceasefire near Shyrokyne, Donetsk airport, and Luhansk. <http://goo.gl/pd9rDr>

Residents in bombed buffer zone between Ukraine and Russian-controlled east cling to peace hopes. <http://goo.gl/4zqeQt>

The information about the number of killed and wounded Russian servicemen in Donbas is kept under lock and key by the Kremlin, according to Russia’s renowned opposition member Andrej Piontkovsky. <http://goo.gl/HddVGC>

More and more evidence is emerging documenting a large Russian military convoy that travelled to eastern Ukraine in June 2014 carrying Buk anti-aircraft systems to Russia-backed separatists fighting against Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/wkXcC>



Crimean Court Jails Maidan Activist

Ukrainian prisoner in Russian custody 'may already be dead'

Twitter storm to support Crimean Tatars on May 18. <http://goo.gl/ezLVg6>

Russian occupation forces Crimean Tatars to hold memorial outside of homeland. (Video) <http://goo.gl/7zH6mg> ; <http://goo.gl/5Z1bt9>

The Court in Simferopol found local resident Oleksandr Kostenko guilty of attacking a Ukrainian security officer in Kyiv in February 2014 during protests in the Ukrainian capital against pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich. <http://goo.gl/EbvFHO>

Businesses Torched Amid Deepening Crackdown On Crimean Tatars. <http://goo.gl/906aoM>

“When God Becomes the Weapon: Persecution based on religious belief in the armed conflict in Eastern

Ukraine”. Report from International Partnership for Human Rights and Center for Civil Liberties. <http://goo.gl/ySXarA>

Ukrainian prisoner in Russian custody 'may already be dead'. <http://goo.gl/Ni8vXb>

Oleg Sentsov: *I'm sorry that Russia is so shaming itself.* Sentsov is facing 'terrorism' charges considered politically motivated and fabricated. Despite this, both he and civic activist Oleksandr Kolchenko are facing sentences of up to 20 years each. <http://goo.gl/V8jL2W>

Jailed for Wishing Nadiya Savchenko a Happy Birthday. <http://goo.gl/kjq4aF>

Nation's first Anti-Corruption Bureau chief starts his work

Ukraine's economy shrinks by 17.6% in first quarter of 2015

The fall in Ukraine's gross domestic product (GDP) in the first quarter of 2015 amounted to 17.6% compared with the same period last year (in constant 2010 prices), according to the data published on the Web site of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/oH8y75>

The nation's first Anti-Corruption Bureau chief starts his work. <http://goo.gl/kXQzHb>

Saakashvili: *Ukraine leaders show no political will to reform country.* <http://goo.gl/Xj4Yic>

Ukraine creditor group discloses members as debt talks speed up.

New investment is at a standstill in Ukraine for plenty of good reasons - war, recession and lingering uncertainty about whether the nation's political leaders are truly committed to fighting corruption. <http://goo.gl/Lpt3Bl>

War Grinds On: Volunteers doing work of government in Dzerzhynsk. <http://goo.gl/rKBlq8>

Employees of the Security Service of Ukraine

jointly with the Prosecutor General's Office have recently found evidence that four Ukrainian banks may have stolen six billion hryvnia in National Bank refinancing funds . <http://goo.gl/hKIJfC>

Index for Monitoring Reforms (IMoRe) value for the 9th monitoring period (April 20th – May 10th, 2015) totaled +2.1 points out of a possible range from -5.0 to +5.0 points. This is one of the highest index values since the start of observations reflecting two major accomplishments: Adoption of the law on the natural gas market; the law obliging budget controllers to publish information on the implementation of the budget. <http://goo.gl/cwZ9z3>

The National Bank of Ukraine is set to adopt a combination of inflation targeting and a floating exchange rate regime. The transition to the new regime is likely to be complicated because of undeveloped markets, an unstable fiscal situation, a war in Eastern Ukraine and a myriad of other factors. <http://goo.gl/WYneiY>

Specific features of corruption in Ukraine, and the process for appointing the Director of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau. <http://goo.gl/rW8seH>

Left: Spring in devastated village of Pisky (Donetsk).

<http://goo.gl/BAVNGD>

Right: statistics and names.

<http://goo.gl/PJSzP1>



Civilians killed (176 children killed)	4,126
Civilians wounded	9,178
Soldiers killed	2,112
Soldiers wounded	6,416
Displaced people from Donetsk, Luhansk oblasts and Crimea	1,255,681

Left: Employees of Sotheby's auction house with US artist Mark Rothko's "Untitled (Yellow and Blue)," which sold for \$46.5 million at a Sotheby's auction in New York. <http://goo.gl/JhfE3D>

Right: Ukrainian Timberlake fan uses 13,000 nails to make star's portrait. <http://goo.gl/AQpCeG>



Zuckerberg says no Ukrainian office, discusses moderation of Ukrainian Facebook users

Ukraine's Dnipro Reaches Europa League Soccer Final

Ukrainian Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg asked for ways to improve his service -- and he got them, particularly one about Facebook moderation in Ukraine. It collected more than 48,000 likes and the support of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko. <http://goo.gl/52WXS1>

Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk has reached the final of the Europa League, the Ukrainian team's first European final. <http://goo.gl/IrlZCc>

Left: Euromaidan protesters depicted on the walls of a Ukrainian Greek Catholic church as saints (Video) <http://goo.gl/3pXUBX>

Right: Ukrainian folk costume



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